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	§	Group Art Unit: 3715
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and made of record. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, as an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b), or as a representation that no other possibly material information, as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b), exists.

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The following information is listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A Form in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98. Any explanation of non-English language documents contained in this Information Disclosure Statement is believed to constitute a concise explanation of the relevance of the listed reference as it is presently understood by the individual designated in § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the listed reference, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3). Particularly, with respect to document B3 cited on the attached PTO/SB/08A Form, a corresponding application (EP 1 103 902) is believed to be an English-language equivalent application and is submitted herewith. Further, English-language abstracts are provided for documents B1, B2, and B4. Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that document B5 was merely recorded by the Japanese Patent Office as "prior art" that did not constitute a basis for any rejection of claims by that foreign office.

Attached hereto is a Certification as specified in § 1.97(e)(1). Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) and 1.17(p), and any additional fee which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 50-2402; Order No. 15-SV-5654/YOD (GEMS:0136).

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The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

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